

October 30, 2017

Robert L. Mulligan, Esq. Hartmann Doherty Rosa Berman & Bulbulia, LLC 65 Route 4 East, Suite 6 River Edge, New Jersey 07661

Re: <u>Meadowlands Hospital Medical Center</u>

Case 22-CA-176267

Dear Mr. Mulligan:

This confirms receipt by this Office on October 27, 2017, by electronic filing, of the Respondent's Motion to Dismiss Complaint in the above-captioned case.

Section 102.24(b) of the Board's Rules and Regulations requires that all motions for dismissal must be filed with the Board in Washington, D.C. no later than 28 days prior to the hearing date. The hearing in this matter is scheduled for November 21, 2017. Thus, the last date for the timely filing with the Board of a motion for dismissal in this matter was October 24, 2017. As noted above, however, the Motion was not filed with the Board until October 27. The 28-day limit was established as the minimum time in which the Board can give such motions proper and thorough consideration. See Section 102.24(b) of the Board's Rules and Regulations.

Further, the Respondent's Motion does not meet the exception to the 28-day filing requirement set forth in Section 102.24(b) of the Board's Rules, which states that "where the hearing is scheduled less than 28 days after the date for filing an answer to the complaint..., the motion shall be filed promptly." In this case, the Respondent's answer was due on September 22, 2017, more than 28 days prior to the scheduled hearing.

Accordingly, as the Respondent's Motion to Dismiss was not timely filed with the Board, I cannot forward it to the Board for consideration.

Very truly yours.

/s/ Farah Z. Qureshi Associate Executive Secretary

cc: Parties, including Region 22